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The ship will be disinfected here, revaccination of persons where advisable will be carried out, cabin passengers have been released, European steerage passengers will be bathed and their effects disinfected, then they will be released in twenty-four hours, and Asiatic steerage passengers and portion of Asiatic crew most exposed will be disinfected and detained until fourteen days have elapsed (March 24) since the suspects were removed at Honolulu.

Respectfully, yours,

S. D. BROOKS,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Medical inspection of immigrants at San Francisco during February, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the month of February, 1899, 353 immigrants were inspected at the port of San Francisco (148 cabin and 205 steerage passengers), with no rejections.

Respectfully, yours,

S. D. BROOKS,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Disinfection of soldiers' effects on transport Kilpatrick, at the South Atlantic Quarantine Station.

SOUTH ATLANTIC QUARANTINE STATION, March 16, 1899.

SIR: I beg to report on the disinfection of the baggage and effects of soldiers returning from Cuba on the transport *Kilpatrick* (*Michigan*).

The transport arrived here Saturday, the 11th instant, at 11 a. m. All arrangements were made, and the following day we handled 466 soldiers, transferring them from vessel to wharf in boats, and then segregating them upon the island after disinfection. This was necessary to catch a number of stowaways (20) whose effects were also disinfected. By Tuesday night we had completed our task, having disinfected the bedding and personal effects of 689 persons, 350 pieces of baggage and 500 canvas cots.

All of the stowaways were vaccinated. Each piece of baggage was disinfected, all fabrics by steam, relics and containers by formaldehyde.

The mattresses, used in camp hospital, were destroyed by my order, except a few practically new ones, that were disinfected by me next day, three-quarters of an hour exposure to steam at 105° C., and turned into our own hospital.

I wish to commend Acting Assistant Surgeon McConnell for his active and efficient assistance.

It is unfortunate the contractor is behindhand with his work, since vessels of such size can not lie alongside the disinfecting shed, the new dolphins not yet being in place.

Your representative was congratulated by the officers of the soldiery and crew upon the thoroughness and dispatch of his work. I have no unpleasant incident to report.

Respectfully, yours,

TALIAFERRO CLARK,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Temporary Command.
PORTO RICO.

St. Thomas quarantines against Ponce on account of smallpox.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, March 9, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the Government steam tender *Gypsum King* required some small repairs at St. Thomas, five hours' run from this port. With the consent of the adjutant-general of this

department (Colonel Hall, whom you personally know), I took the occasion to visit that port and observe the quarantine procedure.

At the request of the San Juan board of health, I also purchased a quantity of disinfectants, at their expense, for use in the disinfection of the San Francisco military barracks.

St. Thomas has established a fifteen-day quarantine against Ponce on account of the prevalence of smallpox. Their quarantine station is located at the entrance of the harbor, and, like the one at San Juan, is only adapted for detention of passengers and the disinfection of their baggage. The steam chamber is about the size of a large barrel, but is said to perform effective work.

Respectfully, yours,

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Report on quarantine and vital statistics at San Juan.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *March 10, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following consolidated report of the operations of the Service at this port during the month of February, 1899:

Total number of vessels inspected during the month.....	45
Total number inspected during February, 1898 (comparative)	27
Number of vessels detained in quarantine	3
Number of passengers detained under observation.. ..	22

VITAL STATISTICS.

Total number of births reported in February, 1899.....	48
Total number of births reported in February, 1898 (comparative).....	27
Total number of deaths reported in February, 1899.....	79
Total number of deaths reported in February, 1898 (comparative).....	29

The death rate for the first two months of the present year appears to be considerably higher than during the corresponding months of last year, said to be due to the results and excitement of the war, especially deleterious to old people.

The number of deaths in January, 1898, was 42, as compared with 90 in January, 1899.

I inclose a list of the causes of death in February, 1899, compiled by Dr. Del Valle, at my request.

There were 2 deaths from leprosy which were returned, however, under the last illness, tuberculosis and intestinal trouble.

Respectfully, yours,

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.